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1. BULGARIAN OFFICIAL WHO WAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIRD SESSION OF U.N. COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT (REF B) HAS FALLEN ILL. POPOV NOW WILL PARTICIPATE AND, AT PERSONAL REQUEST OF NACHO PAPAZOV, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNICAL PROGRESS AND HIGHER EDUCATION, WISHES COMBINE U.N. TRIP WITH INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM. POPOV PLANS ARRIVE NEW YORK THURS 5 FEB FOR U.N. CONFERENCE AND WOULD BEGIN IV PROGRAM MON 16 FEB.

2. POPOV WISHES SPEND WEEK OF 16 FEB ALSO IN NEW YORK, AS HE MUST SIGN PAPERS RESULTING FROM CONFERENCE. BUT IF PROGRAM MUST BEGIN IN WASHINGTON, HE WOULD ARRANGE TO RETURN NEW YORK FOR DAY OR TWO. HIS SCHEDULE IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE SHOULD BECOME FIRM DAY OR TWO AFTER HE ARRIVES NEW YORK.

3. POPOV'S UNDERSTANDING OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH HAS IMPROVED; HIS ABILITY TO SPEAK, HOWEVER, STILL IS HALTING, BUT HE PLUNGES FORWARD. IF PROBLEMS ARISE IN OBTAINING INTERPRETER (GERMAN) ON THIS SHORT NOTICE, GOB U.N. MISSION WOULD ASSIST IN

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NEW YORK. IN WASHINGTON, GOB EMBASSY AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR

KALOYANOV COULD INTERPRET; IN ANY CASE POPOV WISHES KALOYANOV TO JOIN HIM IN AS MUCH OF WASHINGTON PROGRAM AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE RECOGNIZE SHORTNESS OF NOTICE, BUT EVERYTHING CONSIDERED STRONGLY SUPPORT POPOV'S DESIRE TO BEGIN HIS IV PROGRAM MON 16 FEB. HE APPARENTLY WOULD BE UNABLE MAKE SECOND TRIP TO U.S. IN APRIL. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S AND PROGRAM AGENCY'S AGREEMENT BY LOCAL COB FRI 30 JAN IN ORDER ARRANGE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

5. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON PROGRAM, WHICH WILL STRESS USG AGRICULTURAL POLICY, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, AND FOREIGN TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. SECONDARY EMPHASIS WILL BEITN POSSIBILITIES FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES (PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL) UNDER PENDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT.

6. USUN: FYI: POPOV IS PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AT "KARL MARX" HIGHER INSTITUTE OF ECONOMICS IN SOFIA AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN GOB COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, WHICH IS MINISTERIAL-LEVEL BODY.
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